GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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Shortage of Fertilizer Minerals
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether there is shortage of fertilizers minerals and India is dependent on import of raw material for production of major fertilizers and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government proposes to setup a consortium comprising of public and private companies for acquisition of mineral reserves including fertilizer
minerals in the foreign countries to meet this shortage; and

(c) if so, the details of the efforts made by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS, SHIPPING AND CHEMICALS &FERTILIZERS

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(a): About 1/6th of Urea requirement of the country is imported by the Government through State Trading Enterprises (STEs). Government does not import any fertilizer raw material required for production of fertilizers. However, almost all P&K fertilizer producing companies are using imported Rock Phosphate, Potash, and Phosphoric Acid etc. for production of P&K fertilizers due to non-availability/shortage in the country.

(b) & (c): There is no such proposal at present to constitute any such consortium of public and private companies. However, Government has been encouraging Indian Companies to establish Joint Ventures abroad in countries which are rich in fertilizer resources for production facilities with buy back arrangements and to enter into long term agreement for supply of fertilizers and fertilizer inputs to India. Further, the Department is also working with the goal of having access to acquisition of the fertilizer raw materials abroad. Consortium of India Companies (PSUs/ Private/ Cooperatives) is constituted on project to project basis based on the requirements of the companies and prospective offerings from the JV partners.